

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday November 27th 2008 at Northgate Milburn.

Present

Richard Stevens	Chairman
Mike Godfrey	Treasurer
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor
Phyllis Rouston	Secretary
Martin Railton	Field Work/Research
Heather Edwards	Publicity
Liz Hawkins	Membership Secretary

Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed a correct record.

1/11/08 Matters arising from the Notes

Referred to agenda items.

2/11/08 Treasurer's Report

A statement of accounts for the period 21/2/2008 - 26/11/08 was tabled. On 4/11/2008 the balance was £4580.06. This included the CWAAS grant for Phase 2 of the Brackenber Project and CCC grant of £400 for Phase 1 post excavation work. This sum has yet to be debited.

It was agreed that membership fees would remain at £8 and £10 and that any large expenditure should not be considered until we knew about funding for the 2009 Conference.

Signatories for bank account It was agreed that Martin Joyce should become a signatory in place of Harry Hawkins. Mike to follow up and to seek approval at the AGM.

3/11/08 Membership

2 new members in November. Subscriptions for 2009 are due in January. A reminder will be in the next Newsletter

4/11/08 Brackenber Research Excavations

Phase I of the training research excavation Martin Joyce and Martin Railton wrote a short piece which had been published in The Cumberland and Westmorland Herald, CWAAS Autumn Newsletter and CFLHA Winter Bulletin.

Martin R gave a CD and three copies of *North Pennines Archaeology Ltd Project Report Phase 1 Archaeological Evaluation of the Druidical Judgment Seat Brackenber Moor Appleby in Westmorland* to the group. Richard will be send one to CWAAS. The others will be available to the membership.

Neighbourhood Forum has provided a grant of for post excavation work and Richard will contact them regarding the reports they want.

Martin Railton, Field Work Officer, had prepared the report which includes a revised project design for Phase 2. He has sent copies to Mark Brennand (CCC) and to English Heritage to re-apply for Scheduled Monument consent.

Martin R will be reporting to the membership at the AGM

It was suggested that we have display about the excavation, in Appleby Moot Hall, during National Heritage week end 12th & 13th September 2009 (dates to be confirmed). Phyllis to follow up

5/11/08 Website

Martin J had spent time over the summer designing a website which is now up and running. Some minor hitches on the Google site but not if accessed by www.applebyarchaeology.org.uk. Martin was thanked and complimented on his achievement, He will notify members in the next Newsletter. The annual cost will be £70 .

7/11/08 Conference 2009 Medieval Life in the Eden Valley

Harry's email of 14/11/08 advised that he had contacted speakers and was awaiting three replies.

"Colm McNanee is very keen but has yet to confirm. Tim Padley agreed verbally when I saw him in Tullie House but has yet to reply to my letter and Henry Summerson has yet to reply to my email!. I will chase them up. Janet Burton has confirmed"

Martin R confirmed that Frank Giecco will talk about Medieval Carlisle and that Fiona Wooler (NPA Buildings Specialist) has agreed to talk about the archaeological work, buildings and finds discovered at Stafffield Nunnery over the last few years.

It was agreed that Tom Clare be approached rather than Mike Brennand to talk about the Normans.

It was suggested that speakers be asked, once they have confirmed, to prepare papers for subsequent circulation. (2007 papers cost £4 a set plus postage.)

Richard will continue to liaise with Harry and pursue funding issues with Awards for All

The School hall is confirmed and the booking form will be completed when the insurance is confirmed. (Phyllis)

Liz will contact the caterers with a view to asking them to provide a similar cold buffet in October.

8/11/09 Insurance

Phyllis had received a quotation from the CBA recommended insurance company of £137.88 for annual cover which includes our liabilities for field activities excavations and the conference. It was agreed that we should take out the policy.

8/11/08 Communications

Phyllis had received notices from:

LDNPA exhibition at Penrith Museum running until January 7th

English Heritage Aerial England project meeting in Carlisle on 10/12/008

CBA The *Festival of British Archaeology* will run from Sat 18th July – Sun 2nd August 2009.(previously National Archaeology week).

9/11/08 Papers from Mr Le Crane

Phyllis had visited Mr Le Crane, Appleby, after he offered papers on small investigations that his late wife had undertaken. These were interesting to read but may not be of great value to the group. Liz has looked at them and Martin R will do so.

10/11/08 Programmes 2009/10

Summer May and June

Martin R to contact Frank Giecco to reschedule the walk to Scordale Mine which had to be cancelled last year .

Martin J agreed to lead a walk to Towton Kirk near Bampton.

Winter

Two possible speakers from Oxford Archaeology North, Alison Plummer or colleague on the recent excavations at Brougham and Andrew Parsons whose interest is the Vikings Phyllis to follow up.

11/11/08 AGM January 2009

The agenda was agreed and is attached. Heather advised that she wished to resign from the committee in January as she has many other commitments but she would continue as publicity officer until a replacement was found. Her decision was regretted by the committee who thanked her for her contributions, which would be missed..

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date and time of next meeting NB change of day

Thursday at 7 30pm February 5th at White House Brampton.

PHR 1/12/08